

Minutes of Public Works Committee Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Present: Steve Braun (Chair), Mike Cann, Rob Crowner, Don George, Aaron Hayden (Select Board Liaison), Charlie Moran, Guilford Mooring (Superintendent, DPW), Vincent O'Connor.

1. Administrative

a. Minutes of December 1, 2009, approved 4-0.

b. Next meeting: March 2, 7:00.

2. Updates

Vince O'Connor asked about the work on South Pleasant Street announced in December. Guilford Mooring explained that it was to work on telephone lines related to the renovations at the Bank of America building.

Steve Braun asked when Precinct 10/Lincoln-Sunset Avenues traffic-calming data would become available. Guilford Mooring said that the data-collecting team has been in touch with Guilford's office. They (ITI) are going through the data. There is no ETA, and it is hard to push for the expeditious delivery of free services.

Atkins Corner: the bidding has not yet begun. We are waiting on US Corps of Engineers approval. The brook coming out of the Epstein's pond is considered waters of the US. Not on track for starting this spring—Mass Highway has set the bid date in May. Work on this project won't start until July, at the earliest. The Town may be asked to buy the Kellogg property to accommodate the bike path and other road features. Vince O'Connor will keep tabs on this as it moves through CPAC.

Moved: that the chair contact CPAC relative to the purchase of the Kellogg property. **Voted** 6-0.

Guilford Mooring noted that this land should not have a conservation restriction, so that the Town can lease the land and collect rent.

University Drive, Big Y intersection: not yet through Mass Highway—they are too busy.

We'll see the suggested paving list for 2010 as soon as Guilford gets it set. There will be ~ \$400,000 of Chapter 90 money for paving; other Chapter 90 funds will pay for the rental of an asphalt recycler.

Sand Hill Road: Guilford Mooring met today with a property owner who wants the road moved off his property. Still shooting for this season.

Pelham Road: Guilford Mooring reported that there is nothing in the works—his staff has no time. At this point they are talking about doing an overlay only—don't have the time to do more.

3: New Business

Discussion of draft Annual PWC review was brief.

Moved: to accept the report: **Voted**, 6-0.

4. Old Business

Discussion of sidewalk plowing motion. Charlie Moran raised questions about Dana Street (no through sidewalk), and Gaylord Street (no sidewalk), Guilford Mooring suggested that Middle Street be taken off the list of streets whose sidewalks would be plowed, and Vince O'Connor suggested that Sellen Street be taken off the list as well, because its sidewalks were plowed by Amherst College.

Moved motion and list as amended. **Voted: 6-0.**

Steve will ask the Select Board to put this on their agenda. Charlie Moran will be at the Select Board meeting when the sidewalk proposal is considered. Steve Braun will post the meeting so that other members of PWC may attend.

5. Announcements

Guilford Mooring reported that DPW is likely to lose staff in coming year. He noted that the proposed 24-hour shift doesn't save DPW any money—except the on-call person, who gets an hour/day for being on call. If DPW had 7-8 people on a shift, then he could cut out overtime entirely—but you'd have to add employees to do this.

Vince O'Connor asked for a comparison of DPW staffing across similar towns. Guilford Mooring noted that this comparison is available on the Town's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Moran, Sec'y pro tem.